

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week Ending November 18, 2016**  
**Water Division**

**Significant Items for Last Week (November 14-18)**

**Engaging Tribes on Water Quality Certification of 404 General Permits:** On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we sent a letter to all tribes in Region 9 regarding our approach to certification of the Corps “Nationwide” general permits (NWP) that streamline approval of low-impact fills under CWA Section 404. A total of **fifty-four existing, modified, and new** activity-specific NWP will take effect in March 2017. Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED] Our letter invites tribes to provide input and potentially request formal consultation. (Rosetti 2-3070).

Deliberative Process (b) (5) **with Desalination Plant in Rosarito, Baja California:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED] The proposed 100 mgd desalinization plant would be the largest in the Western Hemisphere; 70-90 mgd of potable water would go to the Tijuana area, and 10-30 mgd would go to Otay.

**Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Eberhardt, 2-3420)

**Significant Items for This Week and Next Week (November 21-December 2)**

**Briefing Administrator on Florence Copper:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED] (Albright, 2-3971)

**Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

**Engaging on Water Quality in the San Juan River:** On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we facilitated a workshop with co-regulators regarding the condition of the San Juan River from one mile above the Animas River confluence to Lake Powell. The discussion laid the groundwork for future collaboration on the following three objectives: 1) improved sharing of data and analysis, 2) greater collaboration in sampling, and 3) a multi-jurisdictional approach to sharing information with the public. We will reconvene after participants communicate outcomes of the workshop with their leadership. We also organized a post-workshop call for congressionals from Arizona, Utah and New Mexico but no one participated. (Montgomery, 2-3438)

**Legislative Engagement**

**Discussing Nutrients and HABs with Senator Feinstein's Office:** On November 17<sup>th</sup> we had a call with Alexis Segal of Senator Feinstein's Office to follow up on information we previously provided on nutrients and harmful algal blooms in California.

**Other Information**

**Division Director Schedule (November 21-December 2):** Internal Personnel (b) (2)

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